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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN AND THAI PRIME MINISTERS TO MEET TODAY

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 6824, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 6594

1. THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTS THAT THAI PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIVICHEN AND MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET TODAY (NOV 29 IN PENANG. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU DATUK AHMAD RITHAUDEEN ON HIS RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR NOV 28 FROM BRIEF VISIT TO JAPAN. ACCORDING TO RIEHAUDEEN, THE ONE DAY "WORKING VISIT" BY THANIN IS AT THE INVITATION OF HUSSEIN ONN AND WOULD ALLOW THE TWO LEADERS TO GET ACQUAINTED AS WELL AS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. PRESS REPORTS NAOTED THANIN'S "SURPRISE VISIT" FOLLOWS AGREEMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH BETWEEN THAI AND MALAYSIAN MILITARY CHIEFS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN OPERATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAY (CPM) TERRORISTS (REF B).

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2. COMMENT: WE WERE UNAWARE THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS IN THE

OFFING AND WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS WHEN OBTAINED.
MALAYSIANS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RELATIONS WITH THAIS,
ESPECIALLY IN BORDER SECURITY COOPERATION, AND IT IS NOT
SURPRISING THAT HUSSEIN ONN WOULD SEEK AN EARLY MEETING
WITH HIS NEW THAI COUNTERPART.
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